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TO : Chief, FBIS

FROM : Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report -- May 1964

DATE: 9 June 1964

I. GENERAL

The bureau continued to supply Headquarters with still pictures from GDR television, concentrating primarily on the May Day parades in Moscow and Berlin. In line with consumer interest and suggestions, still picture coverage will be largely confined to military hardware displays and bloc political-government leadership line-up on specific occasions. Special coverage on other subjects will be determined on merit. Detailed information on still picture coverage during May is contained in the Operations Attachment.

II. OPERATIONS

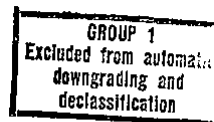
A. Monitorial

1. Due to continued deterioration of reception in Caversham, the Bureau assumed primary responsibility for Radio GDR I and extended its coverage of Berliner Rundfunk to 2200 GMT in the latter part of May. In return, BBC took over coverage of Moscow in German to Germany 2000-2100 GMT. A complete exchange of the Bureau's Moscow German coverage for BBC's Radio GDR I coverage has now been accomplished.
2. In an effort to expedite processing and filing of the West German radio and press review, coverage of the Cologne Deutschlandfunk press review was switched from the 0800 to 0600 GMT program, the two shows being identical. As a result, the normal filing deadline for the review has been moved up by an hour or more.
3. Reception of Dresden and Leipzig regional broadcasts deteriorated markedly during the month, as did that of German Freedom Station 904. Efforts to pick up an earlier 904 cast proved fruitless; other frequencies for Dresden and Leipzig are being checked.

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B. Technical

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the assembly and installation of M-28 equipment by Embassy technicians, despite the fact that this work is performed on a time available basis.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Senior Editor [redacted] arrived 13 May on PCS replacing [redacted], who departed on 16 May on Headquarters TDY, Home Leave, and PCS to Okinawa Bureau.

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IV. VISITS

1. Messrs. [redacted] visited the Bureau from 11 to 14 May.
2. Messrs. Harr and Harris, U.S. State Department, visited the bureau on 15 May in connection with the installation of the Comprehensive Country Programming System for the Consulate General and its affiliated offices. Although it is unlikely that this system will affect FBIS, they were briefed on the bureau mission and operations by the bureau chief.

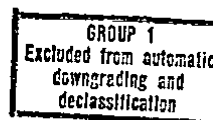
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Attachments:

1. Monthly Classified Personnel Report
2. Monthly Foreign Personnel Report
3. Operations Attachment
4. Equipment Report

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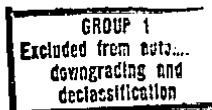
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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT

- A. Total weekly hours of broadcasts monitored 67.9.
- B. Additional unscheduled monitoring during the month 18 hours.
- C. The bureau filed a total of 238,280 words to Headquarters, of which 18,450 was nonpublishable.
- D. The bureau filed or relayed 226,540 words of FBIS material to
- E. Unauthorized outages on the Frankfurt-London direct line totaled 111 hours 51 minutes.
- F. The WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS total wordage was 98,000.
- G. As part of RPB's coding project for selected communist publications, 33 code cards were mailed to Headquarters.
- H. Still picture coverage of GDR television produced 125 pictures, all of which dealt with the May Day parades in Moscow (52), East Berlin (57), and other bloc countries.(16).

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